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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE PRESIDENT TRANSITS MONROVIA

1. PRESIDENT SIAKA STEVENS OF SIERRA LEONE TRANSITTED ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 12 ENROUTE FROM OTTAWA VIA NEW YORK TO FREETOWN. HE ARRIVED AT 9:30 A.M. ON PAN AMERICAN AND DEPARTED AT 11:00 A.M. ON KLM-ROYAL DUTCH.

2. DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS NOTIFIED BY LIBERIAN FONMIN AUGUST 11 OF HIS TRANSIT AND WAS REQUESTED PARTICIPATE IN AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES. MOST MISSIONS WERE REPRESENTED, AT AMBASSADORIAL OR CHARGE LEVEL.

3. PRESIDENT TOLBERT, SENATE PRESIDENT PRO-TEM, CHIEF JUSTICE, FOREIGN MINISTER AND SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR GOL DIGNITARIES WERE PRESENT FOR AIRPORT CEREMONIES. SPEECHES WERE BRIEF, EXTEMPORANEOUS AND GENERALLY UNREMARKABLE. HOWEVER STEVENS POINTEDLY REFERRED TO THE BROTHERLY RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEA WHEREAS TOLBERT RESTRICTED HIS FRATERNAL RHETORIC TO LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE. ALSO, TOLBERT TWICE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT STEVENS WOULD REMAIN IN GOOD HEALTH AND FIND HIS COUNTRY IN THE SAME CONDITION

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AS IT WAS WHEN HE HAD LEFT.

4. INCIDENTALLY, ANOTHER PASSENGER ON THE PANAM FLIGHT
WAS STOKLEY CARMICHAEL. ACCORDING TO PANAM REP, CARMICHAEL
IS PROCEEDING TO CONAKRY BY SABENA ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 13.
MRS. CARMICHAEL (MIRIAM MAKEBA) REPORTEDLY ARRIVED MONROVIA
FROM EUROPE ON AUGUST 10 AND WILL PROCEED TO CONAKRY WITH
HER HUSBAND.
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